

## ARE WORKING NOW ON ELECTRIC LINE

Judge D. C. Nevin, President of St. Louis-Kansas City Road, Tells Plans.

### USING FIFTEEN TEAMS

Delegates From Six Counties Here Last Night To Boost Interurban.

"We have started work and that work is to be continued until the road is built."

That was the cheering statement Judge D. C. Nevin of Kansas City, president of the St. Louis-Kansas City Electric Railway Company made to the Columbia Commercial Club and business men from other counties last night. It was a special meeting to discuss the proposed road.

"The road will be built," Judge Nevin emphatically declared time and again during the meeting.

### Six Counties Represented.

Saline, Howard, Callaway, Jackson, Lafayette and Boone Counties were represented at the meeting last night. The men present were all practical business men and endorsed the project of the electric line. A committee of two men from each county along the proposed line was appointed to get up a prospectus of the counties and to help get the right of way.

These members of the committee were appointed last night: Jackson, L. J. Slaughter; Lafayette, John M. Cobb, M. M. Belt; Saline, J. P. Biggs, T. C. Barnhill; Howard, John R. Hairston, W. C. Miller; Callaway, T. P. Smith, J. O. McClintock; Boone, N. T. Gentry, William Hirth; Montgomery, Howard Ellis; Warren, George Hackman. The other members will be selected later.

Judge Nevin, who was delayed at Centralia because of trains being late, opened his talk by pointing out the need for better railroad service. He then reviewed his work of the past two and one-half years.

### Work of Grading Begun.

"The success of the road is assured. Work has already begun in a substantial way. The work of grading was begun in Jackson County December 29 and has continued without interruption. Five hundred dollars is being spent each week. Fifteen teams are at work. The force will be increased as soon as the right-of-way is secured in Jackson County. Work will continue without interruption until the road is built," he said.

The force at work has not been increased, because there has been no place for them to work, Judge Nevin said. The franchise through Independence has not been given. But he assured the meeting that all the right of way will be gotten in Jackson County in a short time.

The contract for building the road has been given to the National Contracting Corporation of Norfolk, Va. This company has taken the securities offered by Mr. Nevin and agreed to build the road. Mr. Nevin has agreed to give the right of way. The contracting company will advance about two and one-half million dollars for the work, before the bonds are floated.

### Will Lay Single Track First.

The plan of the road is for a double track across the state, but the promoters plan to lay single track as they go and get the road in operation a little at a time. Judge Nevin estimates that the road from Arrow Rock to Kansas City will earn an average of \$10,000 a mile. By operating the road in this manner the bonds will sell at a better price and there will not be the delay in getting some income.

In Jackson County the plan is to buy the air line division of the Kansas City Southern railroad and electrify it.

"At one time we had 82 per cent of the right of way," said Mr. Nevin. "Some of the contracts have expired but most of these can be renewed. All we ask of the citizens is the right of way across the state. The road will be built. If you don't give the right of way we will fight our way through. But it means an increase of 50 per cent in the value of real estate along the road. Why will any man refuse to give 100 feet across his farm for this improvement in value?"

### Right of Way by Counties.

The right of way question should be taken up county at a time and as soon as adjusted in one county work should begin in the next county. In Jackson County there is little more

## WON'T BE SO COLD TONIGHT

"Fair and Warmer," Says U. S. Weather Bureau.

The United States Weather Bureau promises a little warmer weather now. The forecast for tonight and Friday is: "Fair and warmer. The lowest temperature tonight about 24." The temperatures today:

7 a.m.	10	11 a.m.	24
8 a.m.	12	12 (noon)	25
9 a.m.	16	1 p.m.	30
10 a.m.	20	2 p.m.	33

to be done. Most of the right of way has been given in Lafayette County. Callaway is in good shape. There is a lot of work to be done in Boone County. Right here at the edge of Columbia farmers have refused to do a thing. The least right of way has been given in Saline County."

Charles Hoefer of Higginsville told the meeting that he failed to see why anyone should object to giving the right of way because of fear that the road would not be built. If it is not built you will have your land untouched, he reasoned. If it is built you will have the road.

Sam J. Kleinschmidt of Higginsville explained that the road will tend to break up the large farms and give more farmers to the state. "The greatest trouble with Missouri is large farms," he said.

### Business Men Urge Support.

P. H. Rea, Marshall; J. O. McClintock, McCredie; J. P. Biggs, Arrow Rock; N. T. Gentry and William Hirth, Columbia, spoke. All predicted the completion of an electric line from St. Louis to Kansas City and urged support for Mr. Nevin.

The meeting was organized late yesterday afternoon. E. W. Stephens was elected chairman and S. F. Conley, secretary. William Hirth in explaining why the Commercial Club invited these men to meet here said:

"The real crime to be laid at the door of Missouri is that we don't realize our resources. Nothing can be done that will so further the interests of Central Missouri as an interurban road across the state. Judge Nevin has worked hard for a road. Let's support him. But if he can't build one let's get some one who can."

## CHICAGOAN TO SPEAK

Dr. Paul Shorey Will Deliver Phi Beta Kappa Address June 10.

The Phi Beta Kappa address Commencement Week will be given by Dr. Paul Shorey, head of the Greek department of Chicago University. This was announced today by Dr. Walter Miller, who is a friend of Doctor Shorey. The address will be Tuesday night, June 10, in the University Auditorium, unless plans for Stunt Week cause this to be changed.

Doctor Shorey is regarded as the foremost humanist in America, according to Doctor Miller. He will go next year to the University of Berlin as Kaiser Wilhelm's exchange professor. "American scholarship is justly proud of this distinction," said Doctor Miller, "for it is unusual for a teacher of classics and especially Greek, to be invited to lecture in Germany, which has held the leadership in classical studies for more than a century."

Last year Doctor Shorey was invited to give the same special course of lectures at both Harvard and Johns Hopkins universities. He is also the author of several books and a contributor to magazines. His edition of Horace is used in class-room work here. His best known work is "The Unity of Plato's Thought."

### ITS' BIGGEST MAN IS DEAD

John Darby Weighed 425 Pounds and Was 6 1/2 Feet Tall

John Darby, who lived near Millersburg, Callaway County, died this morning.

Mr. Darby is widely known in Boone and Callaway Counties for his unusual size and extraordinary strength. He was 6 feet 6 inches tall and weighed 425 pounds. His strength was said to be equal to that of two ordinary men. His body was well proportioned.

Mr. Darby was 61 years old. He was born in Callaway County and lived on a farm two and a half miles southeast of Millersburg up to the time of his death. Mr. Darby was never married.

The funeral will be held at 11 o'clock Sunday at Miller's Creek Church.

## GOOD EDUCATION IS ROAD TO SUCCESS

Prof. Walter Miller Discussed Advantages of a College Training.

### AUDITORIUM FILLED

Self-Made Man is a Thing Of The Past, Prof. Miller Believes.

The purpose of University work, its benefits and advantages and the part it plays in the attainment of success and happiness was discussed by Prof. Walter Miller this morning in an address at the opening convocation of the second semester.

The University Auditorium was filled and the audience expressed its appreciation of the able talk. Of the many phases touched upon in the address, one emphasized was that the "self-made man" is losing prestige.

"The self-made man is becoming a thing of the past," according to Prof. Miller. "The sons of the self-made man are today in college or out in the work-a-day world. Actual figures prove conclusively that education increases earning power, and in that regard alone the college man has a great advantage over the man who has not received a college education."

### "Teach Us to Work."

"The statement that education is to teach us to learn to live without working is erroneous. Its purpose is to teach us to work and live to better advantage. The opinion that the University is for the benefit of its graduates alone is a selfish one. It is a University for the state and for the world at large."

Professor Miller explained why it was necessary to make requirements for students who intend to enter certain branches of study. He told of the necessity of learning certain sciences as foundation and preparation for their future work. He named the requirements selected for freshmen and sophomores as necessities. And he defined practical work as any which tends to make the student think and express himself more clearly and to be able to have others do and think as he would have them.

### Room at the Top.

"It is true that professions are badly overcrowded in this country," said Professor Miller, "but the crowd is all at the bottom of the ladder. There is plenty of room at the top. The number of non-college men who make their way into the professions is becoming less. The time is coming when nearly 100 per cent of the physicians will be college graduates."

Continuing in regard to the utility of education he said that arithmetic could measure the increased earning power brought about by education but not the increased manliness, usefulness and happiness. He stated that life is not measured by wealth alone.

"In the end, power, riches and vanity have sought happiness and failed to find it. It has been sought with fleshy things and died in the flesh. It comes as an incident of right living."

## BIG FIRE IN MEXICO

Loss in Neighboring City Will Reach \$100,000—Not Out Yet.

Fire destroyed a four-story furniture store and damaged three other stores in Mexico early last night. The combined loss will amount to almost one hundred thousand dollars. The I. M. Greer Furniture Company owned one of the largest furniture stores outside of the city.

The Palace Clothing Company, Craddock book store and Buckner's drug store were damaged by water. The stock and building of the Greer Furniture Company was valued at \$60,000. The insurance was \$13,250.

The Mexico fire department was still throwing water on the fire at 3:30 o'clock this afternoon.

### Issue Pool Hall License.

The County Court issued licenses yesterday to Morris Brothers permitting them to operate two billiard tables and eight pool tables in Columbia.

## VOTE IN APPROVAL OF ROAD WORK HERE

That No Change of Special Highway Commission Will Be Made, So Decided.

### DODD IS SUPPORTED

Mayor Unable to Obtain Appointment of Judge J. A. Stewart.

The action of the County Court and City Council in re-appointing John L. Dodd a member of the Columbia special Road District Commission, decided definitely that the personnel of the commission is not to be changed now. Those who believed there should be a change sought to supplant John L. Dodd as commissioner by Judge J. A. Stewart. After arguments, a vote was taken which resulted in Mr. Dodd retaining the position. The tally was seven for Mr. Dodd and four for Judge Stewart.

The commission is composed of J. A. Hudson, S. F. Conley and Mr. Dodd. It was elected after the voting of a \$100,000 bond issue for improvement of roads in Boone County more than a year ago. More than 100 men from various parts of the county gathered in the circuit court room to hear the discussion and the result of the voting.

E. W. Stephens opened the proceedings with a speech in favor of retaining Mr. Dodd.

### Asked Friendly Settlement.

"The great thing of our government, he said, is that it allows every man to express his opinion and then permits the people to decide what stand they will take on the question. I trust this matter can be settled with the friendly spirit which has marked similar proceedings in Columbia for the last ten years."

"The commission was elected about February 1, 1912. For six months the men were prevented getting to work on account of a suit in the supreme court involving the legality of the bonds issued. During the remaining time they have spent \$30,000 of the total amount raised. About \$12,000 has been expended for equipment and between \$13,000 and \$15,000 has already been used in improving roads. I have been over one of the roads they have improved which runs toward Providence and it is in excellent shape."

"I would not say these men have not made mistakes but I think they have not had sufficient time to demonstrate their ability. I think it would be very unwise to make a change in the commission."

### What the Mayor Said.

The other side of the argument was supported by Mayor W. S. St. Clair. "Personally," he said, "I have nothing against Mr. Dodd. I consider him a gentleman of high character and worth. However, I think Mr. Stephens is mistaken in his calculation of the time in which these men have had to demonstrate their purpose. So far nothing has been done by the commission toward improving the roads within the corporate limits of Columbia."

"When the bond issue was first started, Fountain Rothwell was manager of the campaign. I was one of the supporters of the proposition myself. Mr. Rothwell at that time largely based his campaign among the Columbia voters on the statement that a good portion of this money would be expended on roads within the city limits. He made this statement on information to this effect he received from Mr. Hudson."

At this point Mayor St. Clair called on E. C. Anderson, the prosecuting attorney, to read the law pertaining to the expenditure of such road funds. Mr. Anderson read that not more than one-fourth of such funds might be so expended.

"About eighty per cent of this money was raised from Columbia taxpayers and Columbia should reap some of the benefits. So far the commission has refused to spend any of the money in Columbia."

### More Law Is Read.

"I will now ask the attorney to read the law regarding the issuing of reports of the commissioners' work."

It was quiet while Mr. Anderson hunted through a fat law book for the correct passage. He finally read that the road commission was required to issue reports to the city clerk and county court.

"I understand from the city clerk that he has received no such report,"

said the mayor.

S. F. Conley, secretary of the commission, arose to state that he was quite sure the report had been submitted. I took it down to the city clerk the same day that I rendered one to the county court. This was some time last August," he said.

The mayor's next point of attack was over the improvement of the Clark lane road.

"This road is so hilly," he said, "that though it is a shorter route to Columbia than the St. Charles road, for those living in its vicinity, the longer route is preferable. I see no reason why this road should be improved instead of the St. Charles road."

The improvement of this road was defended by Mr. Hudson. He said that it made a shorter highway into Columbia and was a much better route than the St. Charles road.

### Mayor Nominated Stewart.

The mayor concluded his speech by nominating Judge Stewart for the position as commissioner in place of Mr. Dodd.

William Hirth spoke next, in favor of maintaining the present commissioner.

"It would be most unwise," he said, "to make any change at this point. Both Judge Stewart and Mr. Dodd are good men but the commission has done good work and should be allowed a year or two to show what more it can do. At present there are men from all over the state in conference here over the long debated question of the electric line. It would be most unwise to cause any discord in Columbia at this time."

Following Mr. Hirth's talk, a farmer in the back of the room, arose to defend the interests of the farmers. He said two city men were on the commission and that a farmer ought to be the third.

"We think Mr. Dodd is the best man but let's have a farmer anyway," Prof. L. M. Defoe re-nominated Mr. Dodd.

## PREDICTS BIGGER CITY

D. C. Nevin Says Columbia's Population Will Reach 40,000 Soon.

That Columbia within a few years will be a city of 40,000 population was the prediction of Judge D. C. Nevin, president of the St. Louis-Kansas City Electric Railway Company, at the luncheon of the Commercial Club today.

"Situated at the halfway point on an electric line connecting St. Louis and Kansas City in the center of a splendid farming community, with excellent coal fields at its door, the home of the University of Missouri, Columbia is bound to become one of the most important cities in the state," he said.

Judge Nevin spoke of the great benefits to the mining industry that would accrue from the proposed electric road.

"I will guarantee that when this road is completed, our company can generate electricity at the mouths of the mines in Howard and Boone Counties as cheaply as can be done at the big dam at Keokuk," he said.

He also spoke of the progress being made on the proposed road. He said that a good start had been made and he believed that within five months a person could step off the train at Higginsville and take an electric car to Kansas City.

J. O. McClintock of McCredie was called upon to speak on "Callaway County Mules." He said that Callaway County's reputation as a producer of good mules was no joke, since from McCredie as many as seventeen cars of mules had been shipped in one day.

"And mules are not all we have down there," Mr. McClintock said. "We have good cattle and sheep and some valuable coal fields."

N. T. Gentry, the president, announced that the following would be speakers at the annual banquet of the Commercial Club, February 20: Dr. W. J. Calvert, Dean H. B. Shaw, Dr. G. D. Edwards, the Rev. C. W. Tadlock, E. C. Clinkscales and E. W. Stephens. He said that the number of the tickets would be limited to 300.

Attention was called also to the meeting of the Federation of Commercial Clubs at Moberly, February 25. The delegates from the Columbia Club are Sydney Stephens, C. B. Miller, William J. Hetzler, S. C. Hunt, J. M. Batterton, E. C. Clinkscales, Harry Jacks and Lee Walker.

## NEW MOTOR TRUCK TO COME MARCH 1

Kansas City Machine Bought at Special Meeting of Council Last Night.

### WILL COST \$4,860.00

Columbia Business Men May Attend Meeting of Missouri Commercial Clubs.

A big step toward fire protection was made by Columbia last night. The City Council voted to buy a new motor fire truck. It will be here by March 1. All the members of the Council were present at a special meeting last night to arrange for the purchase.

The new truck and some additional supplies is valued at \$5,950 but will cost the city only \$4,860. The contract was given to the Anderson Coupling and Fire Supply Company of Kansas City, Kan. The low bid of a Chicago firm for a truck very much like the one purchased caused the Anderson Company to lower their price.

The Council went into executive session as soon as the roll was called and discussed with the members of the fire committee the merits of the various motor trucks that have been inspected in St. Louis, Kansas City and Chicago. The Kansas City Company was the only one that had a representative here. After the executive session the mayor called the representative before the council and asked him to tell the members about his truck.

### He Lowered the Price.

He told the merits of his truck and said that he was forced to partly meet the price that the Chicago company had made. However, he said that he was not able to sell his truck as cheaply as they had offered to sell. The representative talked until he had just enough time left to catch the 9 o'clock train but before he was a block away from the City Hall, a motion had been made and passed to buy his truck.

The truck that will come to Columbia has just been finished at the factory. It will be lettered Columbia F. D. and exhibited at the automobile show to be held in Kansas City next week. The mayor and the members of the council thought this would be a good advertisement for the town.

The first automobile fire trucks were built about six years ago, according to the representative of the Kansas City company. Columbia's new truck will have all the latest inventions. The firm that manufactures the engine and trucks of the new fire truck has a distributing office in Kansas City so it will be very easy to get repairs in case of accidents.

### With a Chemical Tank.

Pneumatic tires probably will be used, although the truck can be bought with cushion tires. The truck will be equipped with a chemical tank. In a town the size of Columbia where a fire can be reached quickly, these save a great deal of damage that ordinarily comes from water. One of the members of the fire committee said that about eighty per cent of the fires in Kansas City were put out with chemicals.

A demonstrator will come with the fire truck and stay about ten days. The contract is not closed until the company has shown the merits of the truck and have taught someone to drive and use it.

Mayor St. Clair has received a letter from Sidney J. Roy, secretary of the Federation of Missouri Commercial Clubs, asking that Columbia send a delegation of business men to their convention that will be held in Moberly February 24-25. This organization is working on a campaign to advertise Missouri. The mayor will appoint delegates at the next meeting of the Council.

### GETTING READY FOR WAR NOW!

Lieutenant Sebastian Ordered to Recruit Full Company.

H. G. Sebastian received an order from Col. C. C. McDonald, of the 4th Regiment of Missouri late this afternoon to recruit Company G to 100 immediately. This was all the information Lieutenant Sebastian received. He said he didn't know whether this message was due to the trouble in Mexico or not.